



# STRUCTURE FIRE AT 17 WARD STREET

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The Salem Fire & EMS Department responded to a structure fire at 17 Ward St. this Thursday afternoon at approximately 1:15 pm. Residents were in the vicinity of the home at the time of the fire and were alerted to the fire when they heard the smoke detectors inside the house. There were no injuries.

The first units arrived within four minutes of receiving the call to find heavy smoke coming from the front of the structure. The fire, which caused minimal damage, was brought under control within minutes by Firefighters.

Approximately 15 members of the Salem Fire & EMS Department responded, with assistance from the Salem Rescue Squad.

After an investigation by the Fire Marshal's Office, it has been determined that the fire was accidental and that the source was unattended cooking.

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